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Student Body Elections

See what presidential and vice presidential candidates want you to know before hitting the ballot box.

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Luke Brocco
Junior
Presidential Candidate

"I encourage everyone to educate themselves on the platforms of all the candidates. My platform addresses the important issues and needs that every student cares about here at Clemson."



Ryan Duane
Junior
Presidential Candidate
www.ryanduanecomm.com/

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Caroline Reigart
Junior
Vice Presidential Candidate
www.carolinereigartforvp.com

"As a current member of Senate, I have the experience and contacts necessary to fulfill my feasible platform of Commitment to the position and to students, improving Communication with students via technology and projects meant to help improve the Clemson Community including JobBoard, ZipCar and the syllabi database; my experience with CUSG has prepared me for working within this organization in order to improve students' experience at Clemson and express student's opinions respectfully to administrators."



James Wood
Sophomore
Vice Presidential Candidate
www.Woodyforvp.com

"I'm excited to be running for Vice President and I am focusing on making the campaign process fun and enjoyable for me, my team and all the people I talk to. My platform focuses on both the academic and social aspects of Clemson life by redoing the intramural registration process, improving the library atmosphere and bringing a Tiger Fan Bus to Clemson."

Weekly News Update

World News

BBC

New German legislation in Berlin exempts noisy children from the city's strict noise pollution laws.

A new amendment to city legislation now makes it "fundamentally and socially tolerable" for individuals of the younger generation to be loud.

While the legislation renders members of the younger generation exempt from the noise pollution laws, all other Berliners must continue to respect the noise ordinance.

"This is the first time we have it written in law that we have to consider the rights of children to shout and make noise while they are growing up and this must be considered by all the neighbors," Axel Strohbusch of Berlin's Department of Noise Protection said.

The Los Angeles Times

China refuses to back down from US-China negotiations.

In recent months, the relations between the United States and China have grown awkwardly.

China has proposed to boycott U.S. defense contractors because of involvement with arms sales to nearby Taiwan.

China has also been very outspoken about the Dalai Lama's presence in the United States to meet with President Obama.

Martin Jacques, an author on international affairs, has spoken out about China's actions.

"China is becoming a global power, while America no longer has the same authority that it used to have," Jacques said. "The expectation of China being a Western country, or being prepared to do the West's bidding, is false."

Meanwhile, other authors argue that China is not as strong as people think. Susan Shirk, author of "China: Fragile Superpower," cited that in a poll that 44 percent of the votes reported that they believed China to have the world's largest economy, while 27 percent of the voters correctly chose the United States.

Shark further cited that the Chinese economy is approximately a third of the size of the U.S. economy.

The Wall Street Journal

Study records the earthquake in Haiti as the most destructive natural disaster that a single country has endured.

The natural disaster in Haiti caused an estimated \$13.2 billion in damage and killed nearly 250,000 people.

"It is the most destructive event a country has ever experienced when measured in terms of the number of people killed as a share of the country's population and affected the capital city of the country: the center of commerce, government and communication," the study stated.

Likewise, projections into the future of Haiti have been calculated, and Haiti's economic output in one decade is expected to be approximately 30 percent lower than it would have been had the earthquake never occurred.

Haiti is now in the process of reconstructing their feeble government, and the first step is finding a solution to what to do with the massive population of Haitian residents that have been left homeless.

Housing these residents has become a primary concern for the rescue efforts in Haiti. The estimated amount of families that have been left homeless is roughly 300,000.

"Shelter is a huge issue. Nothing really compares, I think, in terms of a monumental challenge for right now and for the coming weeks before the rainy season and months before the hurricane season," Lewis Lucke, a special coordinator for the U.S. in the relief and reconstruction of Haiti, said.

National News

CNN

Three killed after plane crashed in residential area.

A twin-engine Cessna 310 aircraft crashed into a residential area in East Palo Alto, Calif., on Wednesday, killing at least three people.

The aircraft reportedly skidded down a neighborhood street and slid into a nearby home. Heather Starnes, a resident of the area, saw the plane crash.

"We heard something," she said. "There was this big explosion. Part of it hit my neighbor's house who has a day care and part of it hit my neighbor's other house. They are burning."

According to the Menlo Park Police Department, all three deaths were from passengers on the plane and nobody was reported hurt on the ground.

The Chicago Tribune

Body of veteran climber who died after falling 1,500 feet into the Mt. St. Helens crater was discovered Tuesday.

Joseph Bohlig, a 52-year-old veteran climber, was on the rim of the crater preparing to take a picture before the snow overhang he was standing on crumbled beneath his feet causing him to fall 1,500 feet into the crater.

Bohlig survived the fall and rescuers said that he was functional enough to blow his rescue whistle alerting nearby hikers. Thick clouds and windy conditions interfered with the rescue teams efforts.

Rescue workers were unable to maneuver into the crater safely, so Bohlig was forced to spend the night in the crater while the rescue team waited out the harsh conditions.

After the weather had cleared up on Tuesday, a Navy helicopter was able to spot Bohlig's body, which was motionless and partially covered by snow.

Bohlig's body was then recovered and an autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause of death, expected to be either hypothermia or a combination of factors, such as the damage taken from the fall in addition to hypothermia. Upon reaching the rim of the Mt. St. Helens crater, Bohlig had removed his backpack and outer jacket before accidentally falling into the crater, leading rescuers to believe the lack of insulation in the extreme temperatures of the crater had a hand in his death.

The Los Angeles Times

Veterans speak out against use of burn pits on bases, citing that burn pits have been linked to health problems.

Veterans have turned their attention towards burn pits that the U.S. military has been using to get rid of old electronics, medic biohazard bags, bloody gauze and surgical gloves, claiming that the noxious fumes emitted from such pits have been linked to lymphoma, leukemia, congestive heart problems, bronchitis, skin rashes, neurological conditions and various other health problems.

Some veterans have reported that even amputated body parts from Iraqi patients and soldiers have been disposed of in the burn pits.

"The military needs to step up and address this problem," John Wilson, a member of the advocacy group Disabled American Veterans, said.

Many complaints have been logged from soldiers that have returned home from Iraq.

"I remember thinking: This doesn't look good, smell good or taste good," Lt. Col. Michelle Franco said. "I knew it couldn't be good for anybody."

Upon returning back to the states, Franco was diagnosed with reactive airway dysfunction syndrome and was barred from continuing to serve as an Air Force nurse due to these health problems.

Sertoma promotes service

Organization hosts event to raise funds for the underprivileged.

TRACI WASHINGTON
STAFF WRITER

A Clemson-based community service organization, Sertoma, is holding its annual "A Night at Camp" fundraising banquet on Feb. 25 to raise money for a summer program for underprivileged children.

Sertoma is an organization founded in Clemson to help underprivileged and hearing/vision impaired children. It was founded in Clemson nearly seven years ago by people who wanted to give back to the local community. Every year the community service club expands exponentially, reaching more communities and motivating and inspiring young children.

Sertoma's "mission exists for the high and noble purpose of service to mankind by communication of thoughts, ideas and concepts to accelerate human progress in health, education, freedom and democracy," Sertoma's

Vice President of Fundraising Ben Boone said.

Once every couple of weeks Sertoma sponsors community service activities in the surrounding area. The club mainly focuses on the Helping Hands child center and the Clemson Development Center.

In past years, Sertoma has hosted Halloween and Christmas parties at Helping Hands child center, participated in Relay for Life activities and Daily Bread and Homebound Missions.

In addition to the weekly community services, Sertoma also sponsors Sertoma Camp. This summer camp allows underprivileged and hearing/vision impaired children to attend. Sertoma even pays for numerous campers to attend. The club also buys items for the camp, such as a fleet of canoes and even kayaks.

"Those who attend the banquet will get to enjoy a relaxing evening of hors d'oeuvres," Boone

said. Entertainment will be provided by Monty Craig and the CU Jazz Combo. There will be a brief presentation by a former Sertoma Camper and a former director. For those of age there is an open bar and also included is a full meal of appetizers, an entrée and dessert, courtesy of Olive Garden and Longhorn Steakhouse. On top of all the festivities, two footballs signed by C.J. Spiller will be auctioned throughout the evening.

The banquet will be hosted at Kresge Hall, located at the Clemson Outdoor Labs, on Feb. 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to Camp Sertoma.

Students are welcomed and encouraged to help the cause by attending the annual banquet. For ticket information, contact Ben Boone at bboone@clemson.edu. For information on becoming a member of Sertoma, contact dgaal@clemson.edu. Sertoma meets once a month, and free pizza is provided to anyone who comes.

SEED from page A1

The SEED project is currently acting upon the crisis vigorously and swiftly.

A grad student in the field of architecture, Stephen Troutman, has been intently working on the SEED_Haiti project over the course of the semester.

"It has symbolic importance for the metaphor of the project to an actual plant seed — the idea of

'planting' the handful of components into the empty container to 'grow' a home."

"And then on a larger scale, the accumulated planting of several homes to regrow a community," said Troutman.

Stephen's approach on the SEED project serves as the basis for the mission's inspiration.

The Clemson's SEED organization hopes to have at least 100 built homes in Haiti in the near future,

which is an outstanding restructure for the time being.

In Haiti's time of peril, not only in Clemson, but also on a worldwide basis, people must stay accountable to lend a hand to the suffering Haitians.

The outcome is unbearable, but it is a reality in the nation of Haiti.

SEED_Haiti is an organization bringing accommodating homes and also basic necessities to the brittle and recently destroyed nation of Haiti.

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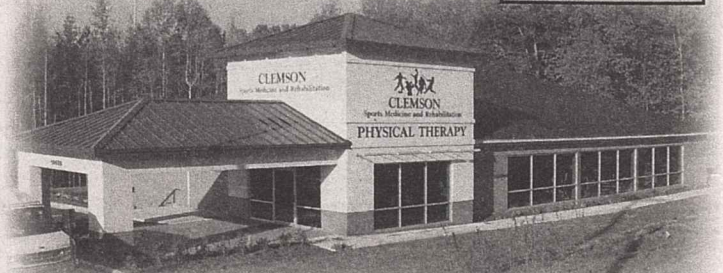
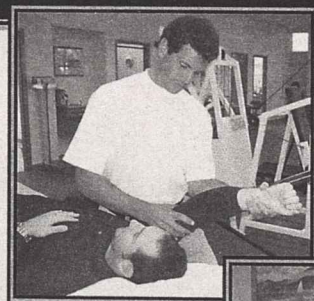
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NORML from page A1

Clemson professor and department chair of the philosophy department, is the chapter's advisor and will guide NORML to become an informative organization on campus.

Clemson students are an influential part of the state when it comes to voicing their opinions about many popular issues.

Clemson's very own chapter of NORML would be a form of letting students' opinions be known; however, some students may be wary to join because of the social stigma associated with marijuana that NORML

is trying to eliminate.

"Some people would be reluctant to join the chapter because people would associate your membership in that organization with the use of marijuana," Sherrard said.

Students will be able to decide how they feel about the issue of decriminalization of cannabis and if they want to voice an opinion soon enough.

"We will attract people with a lot of different views and backgrounds that feel that legislation should happen. The chapter should be up and running within two weeks, if everything goes smoothly," Sabisch said.

On this day in History

- 1985** Mickey Mouse welcomed in China.
- 1980** Eric Heiden skates Olympic record 1,000 meters in 1:15.18.
- 1913** First prize inserted into a Cracker Jack box.
- 1856** The tin-type camera was patented by Hamilton Smith in Gambier, Ohio.
- 1831** First practical U.S. coal-burning locomotive makes first trial run in Pennsylvania.

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Bombardment on the bridge

In elementary school we were taught the democratic process through student body elections, which consisted mostly of pixie sticks, homemade muffins and all the chocolate one could want for the mere price of a vote. Glittery signs with slogans scrawled in magic markers littered the hallways, and the candidate best suited for the job was almost always the one with the best candy, the prettiest buttons and the most friends. Though the glory days have long since passed when nap time was a staple of each day's itinerary and every book in the library contained a maximum of 20 words, it's that time of year again in Clemson when an eerie sense of election déjà vu may be settling over students as they plan to alter routes and rearrange schedules in order to avoid the library bridge. Student campaigning on the library bridge has become a punch line of sorts as each year the candidates get louder, the gimmicks get more elaborate and students hurry to class well fed and slightly annoyed. Subtle defense strategies have been developed to stave off the bombardment such as the classic fake cell phone conversation or, if you are so lucky as to not be a lone target during the siege, a very intense, very private conversation with whomever you are walking with.

Growing annoyance at campaign tactics of student government hopefuls signifies the ineffectiveness of the current system. Most students who dare cross the bridge during campaign week are either late to class or hungry; few actually seek out the clamoring candidates for their platforms or ideals. In turn, campaigners look to devices such as Chick-fil-a biscuits and even cute puppies to spur the interest of an apathetic voter population. It's a system of give and take from which neither party, the students nor the politicians, reaps any substantial benefit. Student government campaigning is currently an empty practice that calls for a change, both from the students and from their governing body.

A main concern with the library bridge campaign tactics is that the students, the very demographic that candidates try to reach, are largely unaffected by or averted to them. It's undoubtedly overwhelming to be bombarded by avid campaigners within such a restricted area. With tents, buttons, music and boisterous campaign teams, the library bridge appears more daunting than inviting, more hassling than helpful, more infuriating than informative. It's nearly impossible for a passer-by to adequately absorb each candidate's platform in order

to make an informed decision at the polls in the course of a short walk across the bridge. Although many candidates attach platforms flyers to whatever treat they are handing out, these most often end up in trashcans along with the wrappers of the aforementioned treats. Furthermore, platforms are often virtually indecipherable from candidate to candidate. They all seem to hinge upon an overall goal to increase communication and connection between the students and student government, but such a goal seems futile given student

benefits of vote-bribes, it is certain that the most important aspect of the election, that of inciting informed decisions by the student body, is neglected, which translates into voter apathy and an obscure governing body chosen by the few to serve the many.

A question of who is at fault for the ineffective status quo only leads to an unending circle of blame.

politicians on the bridge. And so the cycle continues. However, for the most part, the chaos that is election week is a direct result of a lack of understanding between the students and their government. Many students are unaware of the role of student government, especially high offices such as president and vice president. What kind of change do these people effect? What significance do they hold in students' lives? These questions remain unanswered, and the enigma that characterizes student government is largely at fault for apathy during

but after elections and throughout the year. Most students couldn't say what the student government president is responsible for, or for that matter what the entire organization is responsible for other than one week of leaving earlier for classes to avoid harassment. Ideally, student government should serve as a mediator between the students and the administration. But, who is to serve as a mediator between the students and the student government? As the current system stands, students don't get much of a chance to see their government in action and so assume that the government doesn't take action. It is this assumption that brings about apathy. Why vote for officials in a government that you don't see or know?

While many may dismiss the entire election process as an inevitable yet briefly endurable vexation each year, current student disinterest doesn't bode well for an upcoming generation of voters whose decisions will affect state and national leadership. Despite differences in the scope and size of student and national governments, the fact remains that as a body of voters, students repeatedly display a lack of concern with decisions made for them and if such an attitude is perpetuated, the results could extend much farther than Clemson University.

Both the students and the student government are at fault for the current ineffectiveness of elections at Clemson. The students choose not to care about the actions of their governing body, and the governing body chooses to appease the students by allowing them to make decisions based on who gives out the most free stuff. Such a process is hollow and obsolete, and moreover, it bespeaks a negative general mindset that may carry on after graduation. As elections approach and the fateful bridge is burdened with the weight of every conceivable vote-bribe and gimmick candidates can muster, perhaps it's time to think twice about rearranging our schedules, choosing instead to face the chaos head-on in favor of a more communicative system that is for us and by us instead of eminently over us.

But if we happen to pick up a few brownies, suckers or hot chocolates along the way, it's all in the name of politics.

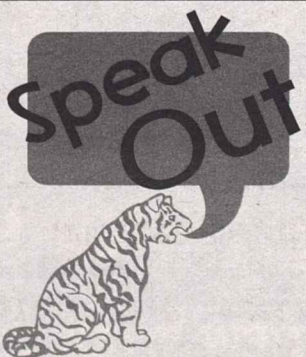
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opposition to candidates before they are even elected. Ultimately, amidst the bullhorns and buttons, what should be a meaningful process is degraded to a popularity contest, a battle of gimmicks to attract the disinterested foot traffic. The entire election process is perceived as a necessary evil which students must abide by and subsequently forget about until next year. Whether students painstakingly avoid the library bridge during campaign week or cross it simply to reap the

Candidates campaign as they do because it's the only way to attract the attention of student voters who are too busy with their own lives to attend a debate or visit a candidate's Web site. Students are apathetic due to a precedence of annoyingly enthusiastic and slightly awkward

elections. To curb this apathy, the election process should be revamped to reflect students' policy needs instead of their culinary needs. Student government should make itself more transparent and approachable. Though this purpose has been championed by past and present candidates, it has not yet been reached as made evident by student reactions to election campaigns on the bridge. Students should be better informed of what their government does not only before,



Do you alter your class route during elections week due to the campaigning?

Alex Chiaramonti



Pre-Med/senior

"Yes I will avoid the bridge because I'm normally just trying to get to class."

Megan Stone



Sociology/junior

"Yes definitely, I normally avoid the bridge as much as possible anyway."

Liesel Kantz



MECHANICAL ENGINEERING senior

"No, I just go my normal route to get to my classes."

Jessica Byrd



GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS junior

"No, I am interested to see their campaigns."

David Wilson



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT sophomore

"No, I enjoy getting free stuff."

COMMENTARY

Random writer ranting

CAMERON JONES

Columnist



So, what do you do when you're faced with a deadline and you don't have a well-developed argument or complex issue for your article? Pick three unrelated topics too short for a full article, that's what!

My first issue is inspired by the increasing prevalence of baseball as Clemson's season begins and MLB spring training starts getting coverage on ESPN. Picture for a moment (if you follow any sports), what your favorite team's coach wears when roaming the sidelines. You know, Bill Belichick in his hoodie, Oliver Purnell in his suit, Dabo in his gray sweatshirt. All of them, even Belichick, are somewhat reasonably attired. Now picture your favorite baseball manager, like Bobby Cox of the Braves or even Jack Leggett, coach of the Tigers. Notice a difference in the two images? One of them is dressed like an adult and one of them is dressed like the players he coaches. No disrespect to Jack Leggett, who's just a victim of the institution, and he, being in fairly good shape judging by appearance, actually pulls off the uniform somewhat well. Seriously though, baseball managers, many of which are older than 50 and um, not in shape for actual baseball uniforms are some of the most ridiculous things in all of sports. It's been going on for so long that nobody even thinks about it anymore, but let's use our imaginations again. Picture Oliver Purnell in a t-shirt and Tigers basketball uniform, or better yet, minus the t-shirt and flexing his guns with the rest of the team. Imagine Dabo in a

football jersey, complete with skintight pants. It's pretty ludicrous, but that's the sort of thing we overlook every time some baseball manager with a beer gut waddles out to argue with the umpire. Just for reference, Google Charlie Manuel. I apologize in advance for what you'll see.

With this next one, I'm kind of going out on a limb because it's definitely not in my area of expertise (not that I have one). Am I the only one that thinks the crossbreeding of dogs to create a dog more beneficial to man's uses, or cuter by human standards, is just a little wrong? This whole topic is kind of a slippery slope because of all the scientific breeding that is done with various animals to test things on and all the breeding done on animals to make them more useful for labor or food. However, the issue seems especially pertinent for dogs, because the breeding seems to be done almost entirely for man's enjoyment. I understand that dog breeding is a science and you even need a license to do it in most states, but it just seems like there's something fundamental in the practice of manipulating a species' gene pool. Like I said, this isn't exactly a topic I know a lot about, so please let me know if I'm being an idiot here.

Next on the agenda: the debate over global warming. Now, I'm not trying to characterize either side as stupid, at least not completely. However, either side claiming superiority due to isolated weather occurrences is stupid. Due to the unusually large amount of snow that many parts of the country have been experiencing in the past couple of weeks, many global warming disbelievers

have been mocking all those crazy scientists who keep claiming global warming is real. "How can there be global warming with all this snow?" they ask. In fact, I read an article last week in which one republican politician told constituents to call another representative, known for his support of climate change legislation, and request help shoveling snow. First of all, all politicians should be banned from making jokes, because they're never funny and almost always corny. Secondly, everyone knows the weather was decided on Groundhog Day by Punxsutawney Phil. Seriously,

though, can we all agree that the debate on climate change isn't going to be decided by a couple of weeks worth of snow fall. The whole

climate change debate has been characterized by attempts at catchy sound bites, touting of propped up scientists and very little real debate. I understand there are economic ramifications involved in taking environmental action, but I think we can all agree to some degree some of the basic things that are involved in our society's production are inherently bad for the earth and we should make some attempt to clean them up. Climate change legislation is one of the worst examples of politics getting in the way of real action.

Wow, that was almost like therapy, getting three things off my chest in one article. What's that, you'd like a chance to rant too? Have you tried Twitter?

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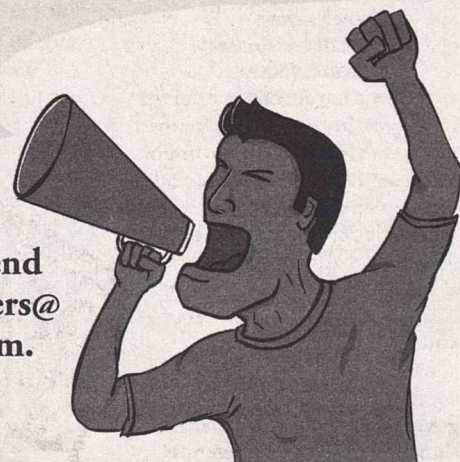
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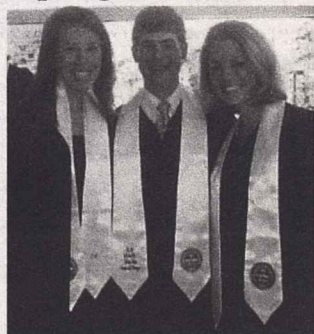


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COMMENTARY

The Country Club Slut

EMILY WHITE

Columnist



If it wasn't for the many mishaps of the degenerate Tiger Woods, the tabloid industry would be forced to cover nothing but the monotony of red carpet after red carpet; that and the never-ending love triangle between Jen and Brangelina. Nevertheless, I appreciate a gorgeous dress and a fancy hair-do as much as the next girl, but if you see one red carpet, you have seen them all. Luckily, we have Tiger "Cheetah" Woods to detract from all the glitz and glamour and bring us back to the all-familiar world of rubbish and grime.

Like many people across the country, I was flabbergasted to hear that America's golden boy had traded in his gorgeous Swedish wife for the likes of a porn star, prostitute and a pancake house waitress. Classy, Tiger, classy. The way this scandal revealed itself was just as embarrassing as the crime. I remember, as the humiliation of crashing his Escalade — while going a mere five miles per hour — consumed the news stations, my perceptive father guessed that there was much more behind the Thanksgiving Day calamity.

Now I certainly don't claim to know every detail of Tiger and Elin's relationship, but in my book, people who cheat on their spouses should set aside some time to read "Dante's Inferno" and be sure to pay special attention to what happens to adulterers in the eerie second circle of Hell. Okay, that might be a little harsh, but I think you can guess I don't have any patience for such an act.

Woods is claiming to be a sex addict, but I'm just not buying it. I fully realize that I am being hypocritical when I show compassion and understanding towards those who have addictions to other things, but sex is way too far-fetched. Even if this was truly an act of an inner demon, why didn't he go to Elin to satisfy his risqué needs? Is it appropriate that his addiction had to

be tamed by the like of walking trash? Moreover, the first time he decided to stray, I can't imagine it was the result of an addiction; it takes 30 days for a habit to form, and while Tiger has accomplished some amazing athletic feats, I don't think his first deviant sexcapade could've lasted that long.

Looking past the actual act itself, I find myself even more disturbed by the reactions seen across the country; to be more specific, the reactions of males. I am in no way, shape or form a feminist, but the fact that so many men have come to the defense of Tiger is disconcerting. One male — who shall remain nameless — so he has a chance of getting at least one date while still at Clemson — even congratulated Woods on his actions and reasoned by having said, "Why not?" Please pardon me while I take a moment to throw up and then scream at every male that I see. I don't think I need to get into specifics of why such a scummy act is so wrong, as anyone with even a trace of a conscience should be able to see why.

As the number of women Woods has slept with is starting to look like the guest list to a sweet 16 bash, the question that is on my mind is what happens next? TMZ.com has reported that Tiger has left sex rehab in Hattiesburg, Miss., to return to his home in Windermere, Fla. But will Elin and the children be there, or will they be residing in one of the family's other luxurious mansions? There are many rumors floating about, and my trusty friend Perez Hilton has said that Elin — who stayed with Tiger for five days during his treatment — was at Tiger's side as he left the rehabilitation center. Contrary to Perez's insider scoop, though, it is also believed that a divorce is in the works (rightfully so), but I won't believe it until the Ts are crossed and the Is dotted.

Despite my lack of faith, Tiger seems to be doing all that he can do to win back Elin's heart. People.com believes that the finishing touches are being put on Tiger's custom-made yacht, christened Solitude, which he plans on bestowing upon a hesitant Elin. If Woods legitimately thinks that this will woo Elin back into his

loving arms, then I actually pity the hopeless fool.

Aside from his personal life, what will come of the public's perception of him, as well as the plethora of multi-million dollar endorsement deals he is tied to? Tag Heuer and Nike are not leaving Tiger standing alone in the cold, as they have not even gone so far as to address the craziness that has unfolded. My overall views of these companies have not changed, but the fact that a skeeze is their spokesman is not going to make me jump off my seat and head straight to the stores.

After taking a look at other celebrity cheating hearts (such as David Letterman, Jude Law and allegedly Josh Duhamel) Tiger Woods stands a good, yet unfortunate, chance of regaining the hearts and respect of Americans. At first he will most likely have to endure jabs from the likes of sports commentators and late night talk show hosts, but if he can't handle that, he might as well go back into hiding.

I am not the world's biggest golf fan, but I have watched a few tournaments in my day. I always cheered for Tiger because I liked what he stood for and the fact that his precious family watched his every swing. Hah, so much for that.

Word on the street is that Tiger is planning to participate in the Tavistock Cup, which takes place March 22-23 at the Isleworth Golf and Country Club. There is a chance that he might then jump on over to Georgia to participate in the up and coming tournament known as The Masters, but I think he is being a little ambitious with that feat.

In case I didn't make myself clear, I will not be one of the many that forgives Tiger Woods at the drop of a hat. Just because he lives a life of luxury does not mean he should get the special treatment when it comes to second chances. Through this troublesome time, though, I have gained a newfound respect for Santa Claus, as at least he knows to stop at three Hos.

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COMMENTARY

Crime has a place at CU

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Riggs Hall, Hardin Hall and Strode Tower. All of these buildings on campus were named after University presidents. Simpson Hall, Norris Hall, Kingsmore Stadium — all named for trustees. Schilleter Dining Hall...named after an embezzler.

Let's start this story from the beginning. August "Shorty" Schilleter was hired in 1900 by the University as a Steward of Clemson College. Essentially, he oversaw the kitchens and mess hall.

But maintaining stock, keeping the place clean and overseeing staff and the process of serving students didn't seem to be his only concern. He also found time to take thousands of dollars from the college over the course of his 15 years in service. Three University presidents were unaware of this situation while it was going on — Henry S. Hartzog, Mark B. Hardin and Patrick Hues Mell.

In 1902, the Board of Trustees hired an investigator to evaluate pilfering on campus, but the search at that point focused mostly on professors and faculty, so Schilleter remained undetected.

Finally, Walter M. Riggs, one of the first presidents to serve more than 10 years at Clemson, suspected something was going on. He hired a private detective with his own funds to investigate the situation. By doing this, he assured that the college was uninvolved and was not entangled with the results. Unfortunately, Riggs' fears about Schilleter were confirmed. One of the school's own employees was taking money.

The final estimate on how much was taken comes to roughly between \$5,000 and \$8,000 per year. This amount was roughly twice the amount of the president's salary at the time. So it wasn't a drop in the bucket like it would be today. This was serious cash.

It would be logical that Schilleter should have been fired on the spot for violating ethical and moral code, espe-

cially at a "higher seminary of learning" that expects a lot out of its students and faculty alike. However, this was not the case. Riggs, in order to avoid media attention and scrutiny, decided to handle the situation in an internal manner. Schilleter retained his position overseeing the mess hall.

There was no punishment, no public shaming, just a slap on the wrist and a note to, "Please don't do this again." Eventually, Riggs did hedge Schilleter out of the college in 1919.

This process went so smoothly (and fell so far under the radar) that it's one of the school's best-kept secrets. In 1968, Schilleter Hall, that we know (and sometimes love) today, was resurrected and named in his honor.

After learning about this in my History of Clemson class (along with many other interesting tidbits about this University), I began to wonder exactly why a Clemson president decided to let someone off the hook so easily. Yes, I understand not wanting to blow it up into a big scandal; that's not good for anyone. But still, allowing one faculty member to continue to work as though nothing happened sets an interesting precedent. Are future staff and faculty accused of the same thing given the same courtesy?

I am by no means implying that this goes on today or that it ever did after this incident. I just think it's interesting that President Riggs, who contributed so much to this school, found the firing of this person to not be a viable option.

And it's clear that someone figured out this situation at some point. Did they not communicate it to anyone else? Was there no one better to accept the name of a building on campus?

While in the end, the result isn't a big deal; it's just another building that most students enter but don't question the name behind.

However, when you throw it in with those who did great things for the school, it seems a little ridiculous to let the name stand.

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Paws up, paws down

An unemployed Ohio man has taken advantage of recent inclement weather by building a four-room igloo in his backyard equipped with TV and cable.

A recent survey conducted by a Web site for homeowners found that 70 percent of New Yorkers have heard their neighbors having sex. Only 14 percent reported trying to stop them.



A Florida woman was charged with DUI after showing up at a county jail and demanding a conjugal visit with a specific inmate.

A robber in Austria was foiled when his intended target bank closed early for a staff training day. After trying unsuccessfully to get in the locked door and being mocked by the employees inside, the would-be thief fled empty handed.

Dozens of Rhode Island students were suspended after skipping class to get a free Grand Slam breakfast from Denny's, only to find their principal waiting for them at the restaurant.



A recent survey of Canadians by Maple Leaf Foods found that 43 percent preferred bacon over sex.

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NCAA within reach for Tigers

Tournament chances could improve with a win over the Cavaliers.



Demontez Stitt (2) pumps up the rest of the men's basketball team before last Saturday's game against Miami. Stitt and the Tigers are poised for another run at the NCAA tournament, but the Cavaliers and former ACC Rookie of the Year Sylven Landesberg stand in their way.

JASON PATSKOSKI
STAFF WRITER

When the Tigers were in their midseason skid, everyone pointed to the three-game home stand saying a sweep was necessary to get the team back in contention. Clemson Men's Basketball has won the first two and now finds itself in fifth place in the ACC, and a win against Virginia could put the team as high as fourth in the conference. The Tigers will be well rested after having a week off from their last game, which will be an advantage because Saturday's game will be the fourth Virginia has played in the past seven days. Last year, Virginia upset the Tigers at home, which prevented a first

round bye. Saturday, Clemson will look to avenge last year's loss.

Virginia looked very impressive earlier this season, but time has shown that the great start was only because of the schedule. The Cavaliers have struggled recently, losing five of their last seven and have not beaten a team with a winning ACC record. They are a dangerous team because they are desperate. They have to finish the season strong to even have a chance of getting into the tournament.

The Cavaliers are led by last year's ACC Rookie of the Year Sylven Landesberg and junior forward Mike Scott. Scott averages 14 points a game, and Landesberg averages 18. The good thing for Clemson is they do not have

consistent support from any other member of the team. The theory of letting the stars get their points and shutting down the rest of the team could work out in this game. Don't look for Oliver Purnell to take this strategy, though. All season, Clemson's half court defense has shut down opponents. Tanner Smith will have the responsibility of guarding Landesberg, and if he can have a repeat performance of his play on Vasquez, Landesberg should not be a factor.

This game is an interesting matchup because Virginia's lineup plays into one of the Tigers' strengths but eliminates another. The Cavaliers only have three big

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Men's tennis topples College of Charleston

KEVIN THOMAS
STAFF WRITER

Continuing the 100th year of men's tennis at Clemson, the Tigers squared off with the College of Charleston on Tuesday afternoon at the Hoke Sloan Tennis Center. The Tigers came into the match ranked No. 64 in the country and came away victorious over the Cougars by a score of 5-2. Clemson improved to 5-0 on the season.

The doubles matches began poorly for the Tigers, with College of Charleston's Tom Delme and Lukas Koncilia defeating junior Derek DiFazio and senior Rok Bizjak. This match was a barnburner, having to go to a tiebreak after being tied at 7-7. The Cougars were able to pull out a victory in the tiebreaker, 7-5. The Clemson duo of senior Carlos Alvarez and freshman Juan Bolona rebounded to take their match against Mickael Boyer and Mickael Trintignac 8-4. Junior Kevin Galloway and sophomore Wes Moran helped the Tigers take two out of three doubles matches by winning their match against John Harden and Billy Kenny 8-3.

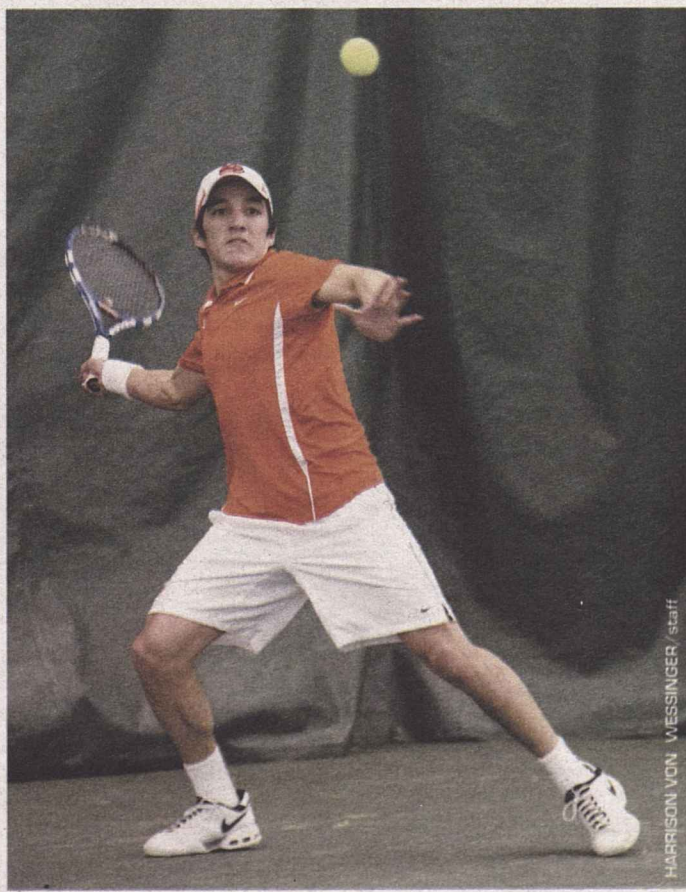
In singles, Koncilia upset DiFazio by scores of 3-6, 6-1, 6-4. Bizjak

responded and took down Trintignac 6-4, 6-0. Alvarez kept the momentum going for the Tigers as he defeated Delme 6-3, 6-3. To finish off the solid performance for Clemson, Galloway won his match against Boyer by a tally of 6-1, 6-1.

This was the 34th meeting between the Clemson Tigers and the College of Charleston Cougars. After Tuesday's win, Clemson leads the all-time series 24-10. Clemson hits the courts again on Sunday morning at the Hoke Sloan Tennis Center, when they host The Citadel Bulldogs at 9 a.m.

The Tigers boast a 32-14-1 record overall against the Bulldogs who will come into the match with a 0-2 record having lost to Tennessee last Wednesday six sets to one. A slow start to the season doesn't bode well for the Bulldogs when they travel to Clemson, especially considering the Tigers are 17-7 when playing the Citadel at home since the start of their series in 1930.

The Tigers will look for Galloway and DiFazio to continue their strong play and propel Clemson to its first 7-0 start since 2006 when they beat the Bulldogs 6-1.



Senior Carlos Alvarez prepares to return a volley during Tuesday's contest against College of Charleston.

Exploiting youthful phenoms

Brandon Boatwright
sports editor



David Sills is a very talented quarterback, but most of you have not even heard his name. He has a rocket for an arm, coupled with pinpoint accuracy. He's tall and lanky — hardly the physical specimen that would have college coaches drooling over. But that hasn't stopped new Southern Cal Head Coach Lane Kiffin from offering Sills a scholarship to play for the Trojans. If you look at this past year's recruiting class, you won't find Sills's name listed. You won't find it for the class of 2011 either because that's the year that Sills will begin his first year of high school football.

David is 13 years old. He's a seventh grader playing quarterback at Red Lion Christian Academy in Bear, Del. After verbally committing to the Trojans a little over a week ago, Sills may have found a few extra Valentines that had been carefully slipped into his locker last week by a couple of secret admirers.

So, to put it plainly, Lane Kiffin — aside from deserting the Volunteers — has resorted to robbing the cradle for his recruiting. I know Kiffin had built a great reputation as a recruiter, but come on. After just two months on the job, Kiffin already has a prize recruit for the class of 2015. Wonderful, sorry Tennessee.

Back in June of last year, another youthful phenom emerged on the national stage on the cover of Sports Illustrated. At 16 years old, Bryce Harper has been heralded as "the chosen one" of baseball. The article appearing in Sports Illustrated claimed that Harper was farther ahead in his development at that age than the likes of A-Rod and Ken Griffey, Jr.

It's hard to argue with that statement. As a high school freshman, Harper hit a homerun that traveled 570 feet. No more than a year later, the 6'3", 205-pound Harper jacked a 502-foot homer at Tropicana Field. He's been clocked at 96 miles per hour off the mound and has scored six times on wild pitches — from second base.

Having forfeited his final two years of high school to earn his GED, Harper is currently playing baseball at the College of Southern Nevada. To date, he's batting .349 with three homers and 15 runs batted in in only 11 games. By earning his GED and getting a year of Junior College baseball under his belt, Harper is now eligible for the 2010 Major League Draft.

Harper and Sills, if you've seen them on video, certainly live up to their billing. They're talented, and there's no doubt about that. However, one can't help but wonder just how young is too young to be living the lives they now lead.

With the emergence of young superstars like LeBron James, Tiger Woods and Sidney Crosby, the concept of amateurism as we know it seems to be a lost art. When junior athletes are brought to the forefront of media criticism and public scrutiny, it's obvious that playing "for the love of the game" means nothing anymore.

Living the Dream

In an article on Sills posted on ESPN.com, the young gunslinger is quoted as having said, "I felt like I was in a dream today. It was so amazing to see my highlights on TV. It was on in the restaurants

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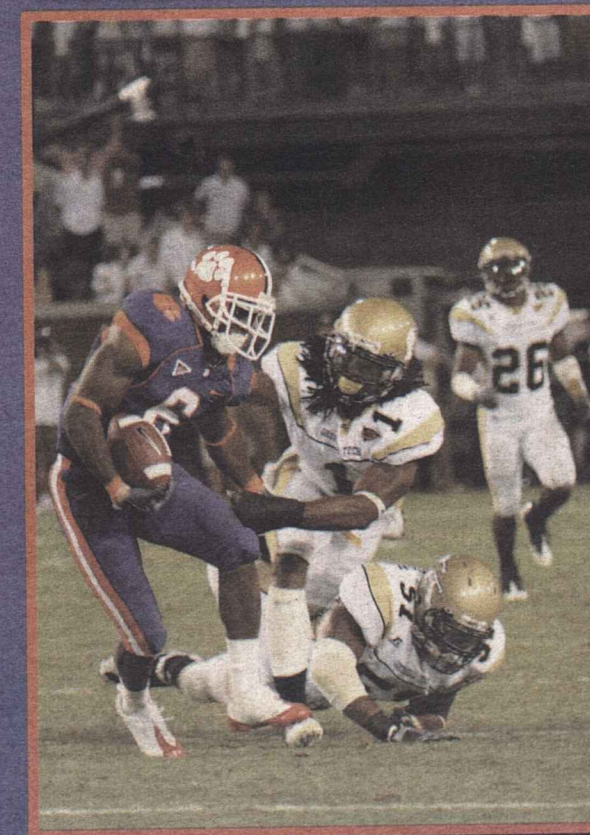
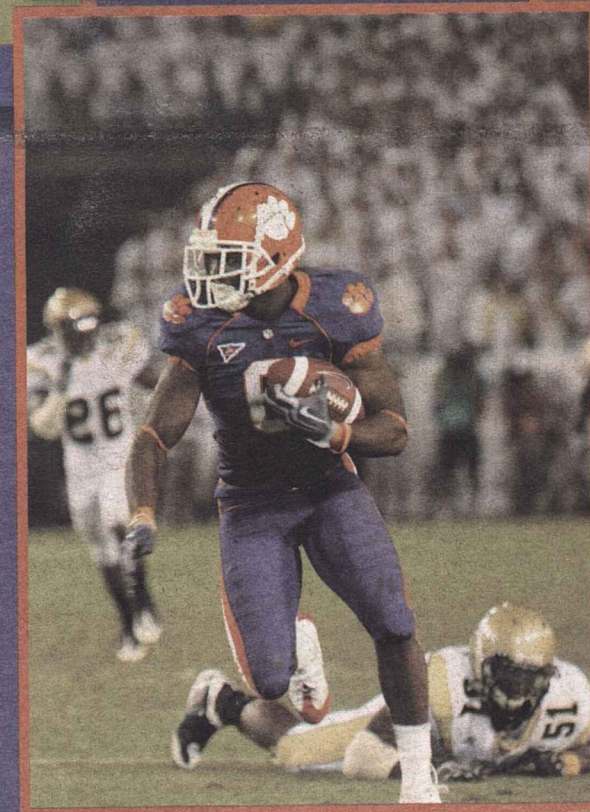


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JACOBY FORD



On the fast track

Former Clemson receiver prepares for career in NFL.

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Former Clemson receiver Jacoby Ford is getting to train and display his skills with some of the nation's best NFL prospects in hopes of raising his own stock before the draft April 22.

In January, Ford was part of the Under Armour Senior Bowl, featuring 28 top seniors divided into North and South squads. Ford, as part of the North Squad, practiced for a week with the team under the direction of a coaching staff led by Detroit Lions Coach Jim Schwartz. Ford had 59 all-purpose yards in the game and calls it "probably the best experience I've ever had."

It was also one of his only opportunities to impress scouts in real game situations before the draft. He has been rated a 3rd or 4th round prospect by ESPN Scouts Inc.; Ford himself admits that the main criticism he's heard of himself is his ability to run routes and catch the ball well. In other words, is the All-American track star just fast, or a real football player? Judging from reports coming out of practices, Ford quieted some doubts. Russ Lande of The Sporting News wrote on day three of practices that Ford "clearly has established himself as the most polished receiver. He runs precise routes." Even Todd Mcshay with Scouts Inc. called Ford "fluid" and, though, he still expressed reservations about his hands, also reported that Ford "is finding seams in zone coverage and Ford's big play ability is finally showing up."

Unfortunately, some criticisms aren't as easy to quell, namely size and weight. Ford is listed on Clemson's athletic site at 5'10" and 185 lbs, but Scouts Inc.'s staff is more precise and less generous, listing him at 5'8½" and 182 lbs. He'll be measured officially at the NFL scouting combine later this month, where he hopes to weigh in at 185 lbs. What about height, especially as a wide receiver? "That's not a big deal to me. I know I don't play small," he says.

Since the Senior Bowl, Ford has returned to regular training, albeit with some of college football's top talent. Besides several Clemson teammates, he's been training with Tennessee safety Eric Berry, California running back Jahvid Best and Alabama linebacker Rolando McClain, all of whom are projected as possible first round picks. Ford claims draft order isn't a talking point, though. "We're just

focusing on the now and what we can do to better ourselves. There's not a lot of free time — same thing every day." Fortunately, Super Bowl weekend provided a break from the routine, with all eyes on the big game in Miami. His pick? "Colts, Colts all day."

Any discussion of Ford, a track and field National Champion in the 60 meter, has always included speed. Though he is now trying to prove himself more than just fast, having that extra gear in his arsenal doesn't hurt. "Running is natural for me," he said. So naturally, he guaranteed a 4.2 second 40-yard dash time to reporters at the Senior Bowl. That quickness could be Ford's ace-in-the-hole when NFL teams are making their final decisions leading up to the draft. "I've seen some guys jump two or three rounds just off their 40 [yard dash time] alone," he said.

Speed was a main reason why the Royal Palm Beach, Fla. native was a top recruit in high school. Ford admits that initially, Clemson was hardly on his radar, and Southern California and Florida were his top choices. Then he discovered his brother in Atlanta would be only an hour away, and his visit to Clemson also had a major impact. "The fan base was great. A lot of people there already knew stats about me I didn't even know." Fellow Florida receiver and recruit Percy Harvin, now a Minnesota Viking, selecting the Florida Gators also helped Ford choose Clemson. Ford says he knew he'd made the right decision immediately and never looked back, becoming a two-sport star for the Tigers. He calls participating in track and field and football "one of the toughest things I've ever done" but adds that running has always been a way of relieving stress.

He couldn't certainly use some stress relief in 2008 when Head Coach Tommy Bowden, with whom Ford still talks, was let go amid mounting pressure in a disappointing year. However, the ascension of Dabo Swinney, formerly Ford's position coach, helped. Ford respects Swinney for his hands-on style and his decision to reintroduce Clemson traditions like the Tiger Walk. How does the receiver think Swinney's second full season will play out minus himself, C.J. Spiller and other talented upperclassmen? "They're young, but I think they're going to be good. I don't have any doubts or worries about them at all."

Meanwhile, Ford will be hoping that NFL scouts see similar potential in him, and Clemson fans will be hoping that Ford's prediction turns out better than his Super Bowl pick.

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Women's hoops fall short to Maryland

BECCA CARTER
STAFF WRITER

Lele Hardy had a record-breaking game, as the Clemson Tigers fell short of an ACC victory against the Maryland Terrapins on Sunday at the Comcast Center in College Park, Md. Hardy tallied 17 points and five steals, which moved her into the top-25 in career takeaways in NCAA Division I history. But, the Lady Tigers were defeated 71-51 by the Terrapins, and fall to an 11-16 overall record and 2-9 in the ACC.

Hardy picked up a quick pair of buckets to give Clemson the early 4-0 lead. But with 11:17 remaining in the first half, Maryland had not only taken a 20-8 lead but went on a 20-4 run over the struggling Tiger team. A quick response of 13 points though, moved Clemson back into the game. A missed layup and three point shot cascaded the Tiger's hopes of taking the lead at halftime. The Terrapins cruised into the locker room with a 39-17 advantage.

The Tigers regrouped and brought a fired up second wind into the final 20 minutes of play. They doubled their scoring efforts from the first half, but unfortunately it wasn't enough to put a dent in the Terrapin's first half lead. Maryland only sunk nine field goals in the second half, but drained 15-20 from the free throw

line, keeping the team alive. The Terrapins secured the ACC showdown 71-51 over the Tigers.

Both teams had an exceptional shooting percentage from the line. The Tigers knocked in 13 of their 15 attempts, while Maryland shot 75 percent. For Clemson, Hardy was 4-5 and Shaniqua Paulo was a perfect 4-4 from the line. It is Clemson's Paulo who leads the ACC with an outstanding 92.9 percent free throw percentage.

Points off of turnovers were a common theme, bringing in a mass of points for both teams. Clemson forced 22 turnovers on the Terrapins, converting them into 16 points. Likewise, Maryland tallied 12 points off of Clemson turnovers.

A size advantage allowed the Terrapins to out-rebound the Tigers 48-33.

Lady Tiger April Parker singlehandedly accumulated more blocked shots, three, than the entire Terrapin team alone.

Hardy is now five points away from the 1,500 point career milestone. She also totals 383 steals in her career, placing her fourth nationally in steals per game and sixth in ACC history in steals.

Clemson Woman's hoops return to action at Littlejohn Coliseum on Thursday as they tip-off at 7 p.m. versus University of Miami. Free admission is available for fans who wear pink, as the game is categorized as a Pink Zone Contest.

Lady Tiger tennis faces top talent

HUNTER GARDNER
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend the Clemson Women's tennis team took a trip North to the A.C. Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison, Wis., to play in the three-day ITA National Indoors Tournament. Clemson entered the tournament ranked 15th in the Campbell/ITA College Tennis Rankings, with three singles players ranked nationally and one doubles team (Bek/Hadziselimovic) ranked 4th. Clemson entered the tournament a perfect 8-0, set to face off against No. 8 Southern California, University of Wisconsin, and No. 16 Michigan.

In their opening game on Friday the Tigers battled the Trojans for nearly six hours, including a thrilling match up between Clemson's own Josipa Bek ranked 8th in the nation and USC's Maria Sanchez, ranked 9th. Clemson did eventually fall to the USC Trojans, 5-2. Clemson would go on to the consolation bracket to face host team, Wisconsin less than 12 hours later.

"The schedule is grueling," Head Coach Nancy Harris said. "Competition at the top 20 level is incredibly challenging even for the most mentally and physically tough student athletes."

Despite the mental and physical fatigue lingering from the day before, the Tigers swept the doubles points with dominant performances by Bek/Ciolkowski, Hadziselimovic/Wong, and Balda/Henry. The Tigers had an almost equivalently powerful showing in singles — the Wisconsin squad

only won one match and rarely scored more than two games in any match. The team effort amounted to Clemson walking off the court with a 6-1 victory over the Badgers, improving to 9-1 on the season.

On Sunday, Clemson played No. 16 Michigan, but would fall 5-2 after another round of close matches similar to its struggle against USC at the beginning of the tournament.

When pondering why the highly ranked Tigers left with empty pockets verse their ranked opponents in Madison, sophomore stand out Keri Wong said, "When we played USC and Michigan, we lost the doubles point in both of those matches and that was a huge point for us to win. But overall, I think we were there for each other as a team, we fought hard, but it just wasn't enough for the weekend."

The Tigers have an optimistic attitude towards the rest of the season. At 9-2 they know they have the ability to win, with notable victories over No. 18 Ole Miss, No. 36 Texas A&M, No. 39 VCU and No. 66 College of Charleston. Looking beyond this weekend's losses, coaches and players alike agree that their experience in Madison will serve as learning tools for the future.

"[We] have competed with some of the best teams in the country," Coach Harris said. "When you win you gain confidence, when you lose you learn what you need to work on to improve your level. The important thing is to evaluate what you are doing and then work hard at practice to improve in those areas."

same time. They can double team Booker, but they will not be able to double Grant. If the Tiger big men come to play, the Virginia defense will not be able to stop them. In this game, Clemson will not need to hit threes to be able to get the ball inside, but when the ball does go inside, the defense will collapse and leave plenty of open outside looks.

This is a game where the Tigers can put it away early. Virginia has been struggling recently, and going down early would only cause them to give up. Virginia is a dangerous team, so they need to be put down early. With a win, Clemson will all but punch its ticket to the big dance. Look for Booker and Grant will go for 20 each, and the Tigers win 79-67.

Tigers outlast the Hurricanes

AARON SNIKER
SPORTS LAYOUT EDITOR

There was an audible sigh of relief last Saturday as the Tigers escaped with a 77-64 win against the Hurricanes of Miami. Perhaps no sigh was louder than that of Coach Oliver Purnell.

"I thought we struggled to get the pace where we wanted it early, but we got it in the second half," Purnell said. "I also thought we defended pretty well. We put ourselves in a position to lose the game at the end. Other than the fact that our focus waned in the last three or four minutes, I was pleased."

Although a 13-point win may not seem like an edge-of-the-seat thriller, consider this: With just 48 seconds left in the game, Purnell and the Tigers were only up by four points. Miami proceeded with the typical defense in a close game. In order to effectively neutralize the shot clock advantage, the Hurricanes began to foul mercilessly. Historically this would spell disaster for Clemson who have shot no higher than 68 percent from the foul stripe in any of the past seven seasons, but on this day the Tigers would prevail. As a team, Clemson shot 81 percent while Jerai Grant, Andre Young, Trevor Booker and Demontez Stitt each went two-for-two in foul shot situations

with under two minutes to play.

It might even seem that the rims had a little extra love for the Tigers on the day before Valentine's Day. Led by Young, who went four of nine, the Tigers shot 43 percent from beyond the arc. That's 10 full percentage points above the season average for the team. Purnell believes the three-ball has brought new life the offense in the past two games and created opportunities that have been lacking over the past month.

"I think our threes were more critical this game because Miami plays so much zone," he said. "Sooner or later, we have to hit our shots or the zone starts to shrink. If we're going to make them, it's going to be off of penetration or feeding it inside."

The ability to have more open looks is thanks in-large-part to the steady play of Booker and Grant. Booker continued to be productive in the paint with 18 points to lead all scorers, and Grant had 13 points to go along with his game-high nine rebounds. The inside-outside game of the two big men was subsidized by their ability to win the battle for second chance points. As a team, Clemson out-rebounded Miami 35-26, and out blocked Miami by a margin of 5-1. As Miami's zone began to fall back in order to help with the steady inside pressure of Booker and Grant, open looks became apparent on the perimeter. Clemson took advantage by launching 21 attempts.

As a team, Clemson played very disciplined only committing 15 fouls while pressing most of the game. The constant pressure from Purnell's full-court man-to-man coverage also lead to eight steals, and 13 forced Miami turnovers.

The win means a great deal to the Tigers ACC and NCAA tournament hopes. Clemson had dropped four of the last six conference games to fall to .500 in the ACC. The win over Miami, coupled with the previous weeks drubbing of Florida State lifts the Tigers to six-and-five in the conference which places the team in fifth place out of 12 teams; just three games back of No. 6 Duke, with five games left in ACC play.

Furthermore the Tiger's overall record improves to 18-7. The men's team will no doubt need solid wins down the stretch to move themselves from being a bubble team to a sure bet for the tournament.

With the likes of North Carolina and N.C. State uncharacteristically in the basement of the conference rankings — not to mention the overall standings — and only two top-25 teams from the perennial powerhouse ACC, it looks as though the Big East may steal the precious few spots awarded to at-large teams. A strong win against Virginia on Saturday should sway the minds of the NCAA tournament voters when selection Sunday rolls around.

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men on the roster, so they play a lot of three and four guard lineups. This makes pressing them very difficult. It is likely that Purnell will be content to start the game with half court defense. Pressing can cause turnovers, but it can also lead to easy shots. Those shots can cause a player like Landesberg to get hot early. In the South Carolina game earlier this year, Clemson didn't press early to keep Devin Downey out of the game. Look for Purnell to go with the same strategy Saturday.

The three guard lineup does give Clemson's big men a huge advantage. Even if Virginia plays a zone, they do not have the personnel to stop two big men at the

PHENOM *from page C1*

and sports bars and everywhere. I saw myself a lot on TV today."

After David's father alerted his coach that his son had verbally committed to one of the top-ranked football programs in the nation, his phone lit up with media attention. It caught him off guard. He actually didn't think that a 13-year-old boy announcing his decision to verbally commit to the Trojans was all that far out of the ordinary.

As per ESPN, Sill's father was quoted as having said, "Even when I sit back and reflect on it, it's shocking, weird, bizarre, you name it," he said. "Quite frankly I think everyone is entitled to their own opinion. The rules are the rules and as long as you abide by the rules then you abide by the rules. If people don't like this they don't need to get mad about it and bash the dad and bash the coach and bash the kid. They should call up the NCAA and tell them that they don't like the rules. I'm a guy that follows the rules. Whatever the rules are, let's play by the rules. It's very difficult as a father to say my son shouldn't be getting recruited at 13 so I'm not going to let him have this opportunity."

So as long as he follows the rules it's okay for David to live under the national spotlight and live out his dream of playing for the Trojans, albeit a dream that is still more than five years in the making at this point.

Harper's parents took an approach that was not quite as subtle as David's. They encouraged Bryce to earn his GED last summer to expedite his trip to the Majors. But it's not solely about the money, according to Bryce's father. It's about what's best for his son, who wants nothing more than to play baseball. And so here's Bryce "the chosen one," putting up average numbers in his young junior college career.

Now there's no doubt that these athletes are worthy of the praise and attention they are receiving. They are, after

all, just living the dream. It's the same dream that hundreds of thousands of elementary, middle and high school athletes dream of: making it to the professional ranks and playing a sport they love for money, fame and notoriety.

How far is too far?

The media hype surrounding his verbal commitment is something David has already grown quite accustomed to. Back in 2007, when he was 11 years old, Sports Illustrated wrote a feature about Sills that was a preview of coming attractions. It was a warning, if you will, that a pre-teen football phenom would walk a thin line between amateurism and professionalism.

No, David won't be going to the NFL anytime soon. He has prom first. But if his personal coach Steve Clarkson has anything to say about it, David won't have much trouble in eventually becoming the next grossly overpaid all-star signal caller. Clarkson has been working with NFL caliber talent for more than 25 years. His private roster of clients has included Matt Leinart, Ben Roethlisberger, J.P. Losman and Jimmy Clausen, among others.

When David's father called Clarkson to take a look at his son, Clarkson was skeptical. Nevertheless, he gave the boy a shot. The rest, as they say, is history. Clarkson was amazed by the boy's physical and mental capacity for his age. "He's studying far beyond his years at what he'll ever see at his level. Basically, it's like taking trig when you're in basic math," says Clarkson. "For him to be able to define the concepts and apply them is truly remarkable."

If Steve Clarkson says you're good, you are. The man knows his football. But this is different. We are talking about an adolescent who cannot legally operate a motor vehicle. His physical stature and mental capabilities at this point will certainly serve him well in the future. To what extent, however, will remain a mystery. There is no fool-proof way to know how David

will develop physically and mentally over the next few years. What if the stress his arm has been put through at an early age catches up with him and he needs Tommy John's surgery before his junior year in high school? What if he gets burned out from overbearing parents, coaches and media pressure? Why are we even bothering to ask these questions about a 13-year-old boy?

Better yet, why are parents enabling their child to forfeit two years of high school to get his GED in the hopes of finding greener grass on the fields at Fenway Park or Yankee Stadium or Wrigley Field?

In a consumer culture such as the United States, what are we willing to abandon to see the next LeBron James or the next Tiger Woods? If it's our children's well-being, we have some serious issues to deal with, America.

The sad truth of the matter is that all we care about is money and the potential for money. Our parents have passed that notion on to us, and there's no doubt that we will pass it on to our kids to some extent. But before you send your kid off to football, basketball, baseball or softball camp, ask yourselves one thing: just how far is too far?

David Sills and Bryce Harper may very well be the next superstars in their sports. They may make millions and they may lead lives of luxury. But I'd be hard-pressed to call them role-models for future generations. They may be athletic, but their priorities and those of their parents, coaches and the media are an embarrassing reflection of where we are as a sporting culture.

Kids don't need to grow up faster than they have to. They don't need to be criticized and ostracized about their athletic ability. They don't need to be celebrated for choosing to forgo their personal lives in favor of a big fat contract or scholarship offer before they finish puberty. They need perspective. We all do.

Men's and women's track perform well

CLARKE MCCANTS

STAFF WRITER

Top performances were common over the weekend for Clemson's track and field programs, with both the women and men's teams featuring record-breaking contenders. The Tigers saw the success at the Tyson Invitational, held in Fayetteville, Ark., and at the Tiger Paw Invitational in Clemson. The Lady Tigers also moved up one spot in the latest U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association, from No. 7 to No. 6.

The women's team was led by sophomore Kim Ruck, who effortlessly won the 5K race on Friday in Fayetteville; her winning time of 16:11.49 was a school record and was four seconds short of an automatic NCAA qualifying time.

The Lady Tigers saw good performances on Friday in both locations. At Tyson, Ruck won the 5K race, while freshmen Sonni Austin and Brittany Pringley placed 23rd and 29th, respectively, in the quarter mile. Freshman Brianna Rollins placed fourth in the 60-meter hurdles.

In Clemson, senior Kristine Scott was runner up in the 60-meter dash, sophomore Alyssa Kulik placed first in the mile run and junior Stephanie Buffo followed up with a fifth place finish. To finish out the day for the Tigers, freshman Brittney Waller captured the win in the 20-pound weight throw.

The men came out strong on Friday in Arkansas, with freshman La'Mont Jackson placing first in the 400 and sophomore Justin Murdock placing fifth in the 60-meter dash final. In the 60-meter hurdles, freshman Spencer Adams placed eighth, while junior Charlton Rolle placed sixth in the con-

solation. Sophomore Chris Slate placed third overall in the mile race.

In Clemson, the men's team saw success with freshman Dailyn Moore, who placed fifth in the 60-meter hurdles, followed by freshman Claudio Delli Carpini, who placed sixth. Junior Alex Padgett was runner up in the 35-pound weight throw, posting a personal best distance of 63'0". To add to the success, junior Josh Fowler won the long jump, with a distance of 23'7.25.

On Saturday in Clemson, senior Xavier Troupe led the men's team with a personal best 17'7.75 in the pole vault; this height was the second most in the school record books. His performance was followed by junior Jasen Turnbull who was runner up in the 800-meter run. To close up the meet, junior Alex Padgett and sophomore Stephen White placed third and fourth, respectively, in shot put, closing up an impressive meet for the Tiger men at home.

The Lady Tigers looked strong in Fayetteville on Saturday, with freshman Stormy Kendrick finishing 15th but posting the ninth best time in school history. Junior Patricia Mamona and sophomore April Sinkler finished seventh and ninth, respectively, in the invitational triple jump, while junior Liane Weber took eighth in the open high jump. Senior Caroline Kennedy won the pole vault, while fellow teammate, sophomore Amy Morrison, placed second in the event.

At the Tiger Paw Invitational, senior Kristine Scott took first place in the 200-meter dash, closing up a strong effort by the Clemson Tigers.

The teams' next meet will be in Clemson this Saturday, Feb. 20. Dubbed "Tiger Tuneup," both teams will have a good opportunity to show their potential of being the strongest in the ACC.

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Laugh, live, bagels

KATIE QUEEN

I absolutely love bagels, and I drink so much coffee it might be more convenient to take it through an IV. So whenever I hear of a restaurant offering bagels and coffee, I automatically feel the need to go to the place, sample what they have and compare them to other places I'm familiar with.

Naturally, when I heard about the Hudson Bagel Company opening by Gold's Gym, I knew I simply had to see what the hubbub was about.

I chose to go for an early breakfast before my 8 a.m. class, not knowing what to expect. When I walked in, a light lime green wall greeted me with very simple words on it: "Laugh," "Live" and "Family." The dark wood tables gave a modern tone to the restaurant, which was well balanced by the high ceilings and some bright white walls.

Their menu was bigger than I expected, not only offering bagels and other breakfast options, but also sandwiches, soups and salads for the lunch crowd. They also offer catering including bagel platters, mini muffins and meat platters.

My breakfast consisted of a toasted cinnamon raisin bagel with peanut butter, and I was not disappointed. The bagel truly was a northern bagel with a slightly harder crust than typical southern bagels with soft insides. The cinnamon flavor was one of the best I've ever had, and was well complemented by the peanut butter.

Of course, I had to try the coffee, which somewhat worried me because I'm usually not a plain creamer girl, but I can honestly say it was some of the best coffee I've ever tasted. Flavored creamer would have ruined the taste. It definitely was strong (my favorite) while still being light on my stomach, an oxymoron that some of the bigger coffee companies haven't been able to master.

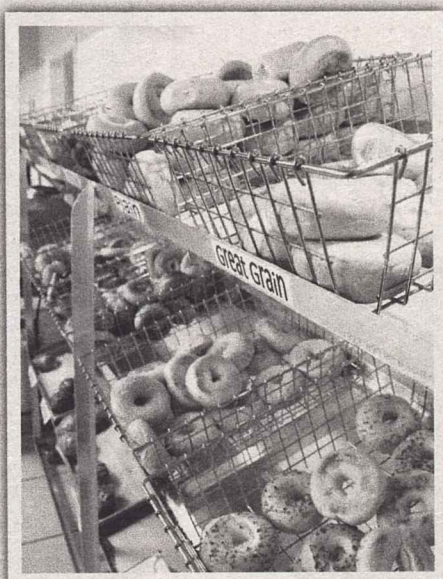
While I was thrilled that the food was rather tasty, I was even more pleased at the customer service. There were three people working and all of them greeted me as I walked up to the counter. They were all very pleasant and one of them was courteous enough to ask if I wanted my bagel in a bag to take with me as opposed to the plain paper wrapping.

Overall, my first experience with The Hudson Bagel Company was definitely positive. With the excellent food, pleasant service, and low price (\$3.50 for the bagel, peanut butter and small coffee), I whole-heartedly recommend eating there. I know I'll be going back soon — I still have to try the lunch menu!

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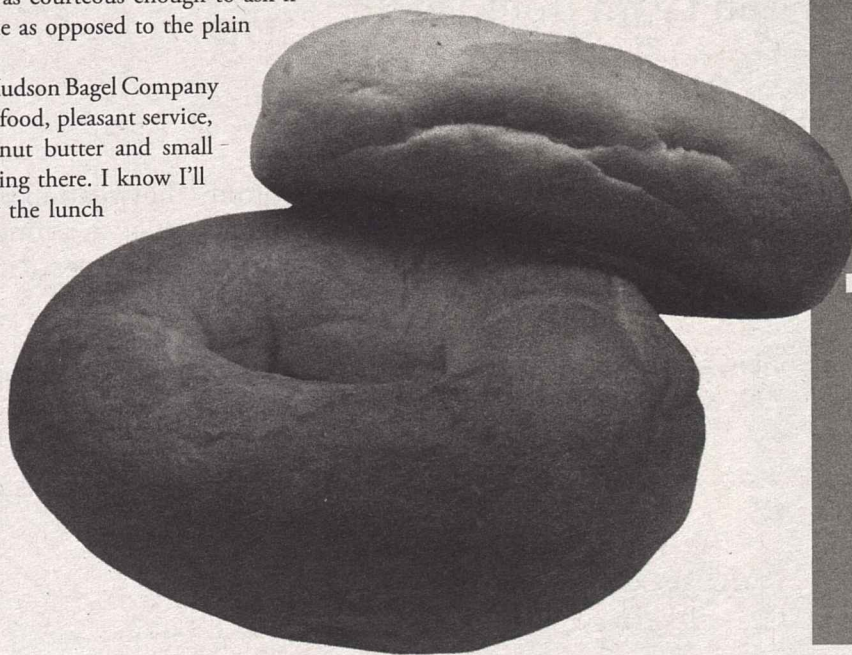
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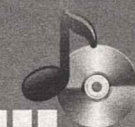
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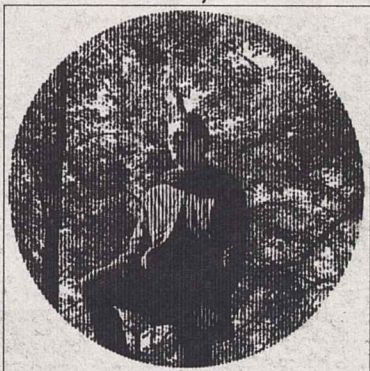
Four Tet (aka Kieren Hebden) has been making nifty ethereal electronic music for over a decade now, and this year brings his newest full length "There is Love in You." His first album proper in four years, Hebden has been busy with assorted EP's, compilations and DJ Gigs. Emphasis on the DJ Gigs. "There is Love in You" is much dancier than his previous work, which makes for some startlingly infectious tracks. Don't let the relatively long track lengths deter you, these songs really groove. "Love Cry" and "Sing" appear ripe for remixing, while "This Unfolds" sounds like a Boards of Canada dance track. Four Tet has always favored live samples and that continues here. "Circling" could be the score to a vaporous River Dance. Soothing tones and smooth beats await.

Four Tet "There is Love in You" Domino Records January 2010



Owen Pallett is a violinist and musical arranger from Montreal. Previously he has written string arrangements for The Arcade Fire, as well as performed under the moniker Final Fantasy. His first release as himself is a lush orchestral work infused with electronics and story-telling lyrics. Backed by the Czech National Orchestra, some of these tracks will fill up your headphones. Standout tracks "The Great Elsewhere" and "Lewis Takes His Shirt Off" unleash the full arsenal of instruments, with strings horns and synthesizers working in harmony. The lush beauty of the slow waltz "E is for Estranged" and the sheer velocity of "Tryst with Mephistopheles" make for an excellent back-to-back play. If The Arcade Fire is an orchestra squeezed into a pop band, this album is the orchestra exploding out under the pressure.

Owen Pallett "Heartland" For Great Justice January 2010



ON THE PROWL

GREG BLANTON

There's something enchanting about breasts that lacks easy explanation. Men can't help but stare at a plump pair and love to touch and squeeze them at every possible moment. But what is it about female breasts that is so entrancing to men? What explains the mammary tractor beam that captivates the male gaze and fantasy?

The answers to these questions are not clear, so let's start with what we know for sure: men love breasts, and women love to flaunt them. This simple fact presents a complex chicken or the egg quandary: are men captivated by breasts because women flaunt them, or do women flaunt them because of men's infatuation?

Again, another complex question without an easy answer. It's obvious, though, that men's attraction to breasts is not in their biological (that is, reproductive) purpose; rare, or nonexistent, is the man whose thought process is, 'I love your breasts because they represent your fertility and potential to create life.'

Although this hypothetical quotation seems preposterous, it is actually not far from the truth. It is not specifically fertility that breasts represent to men, but femininity in a more general and abstract sense. Though men, when assessing physical beauty, do consider features like the butt, legs or face, the breasts are the most obvious indication of femininity. Women have breasts, men do not, and are therefore exclusively feminine.

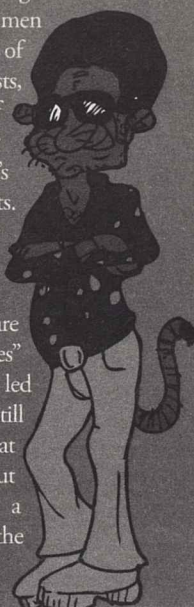
Additionally, breasts, like the male penis, are assessed based on size, but there is a distinction; women generally wear tighter and smaller clothing, while men's clothes are larger and looser. Breasts are therefore very prominently displayed, sometimes with cleavage exposed. Spotting, assessing

and becoming attracted to female breasts is quick and easy for the male.

In this way, breasts have become objectified, along with the female, as sexual objects. Male psychology is generally more sexual in nature, while female psychology is more intellectual and emotional; there is no disputing these facts. The female intellect therefore gives women the ability to manipulate men, hence the push-up bra. Once the breasts are lifted, separated and exposed with a low-cut shirt, men flock like programmed robots.

This, of course, works best with larger, firmer breasts. Women with smaller breasts receive far less attention (at least for their cleavage) than would women with larger breasts; there's no push-up bra in the world that can make an A cup able to compete with a C cup, which is the primary reason why women with smaller breasts are resorting to cosmetic breast surgery in ever-increasing numbers.

However, generalizing is unfair. The vanity of too many men renders them incapable of looking past small breasts, but the majority of men do not base their judgment of a woman's beauty solely on breasts. Of course, a near total lack of breast is generally a turn-off, but not so many men are obsessed with "big titties" as women would be led to believe. The fact still remains, though, that large breasts will, without fail, attract more than a passing glance from the male gaze.



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The Right Kind of Rules: What Washington Can Learn from Twitter A talk by Virginia Postrel

Public debates over economic policy often present a false dichotomy: between extensive, prescriptive regulation and an anarchic free-for-all. In fact, both rules and freedom are essential to economic creativity and progress. The challenge is in getting the right kinds of rules at the right level of governance. What practical principles can guide that process? Or, to put it another way, What can the success of Twitter tell us about the failures of energy policy?

Virginia Postrel is the author of *The Future and Its Enemies* and *The Substance of Style* and has been an columnist for *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times*, *Forbes*, and *Forbes ASAP*. From 1989 to 2000, she was editor of *Reason* magazine. She blogs at *Dynamist.com* and *DeepGlamour.net*.

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2010

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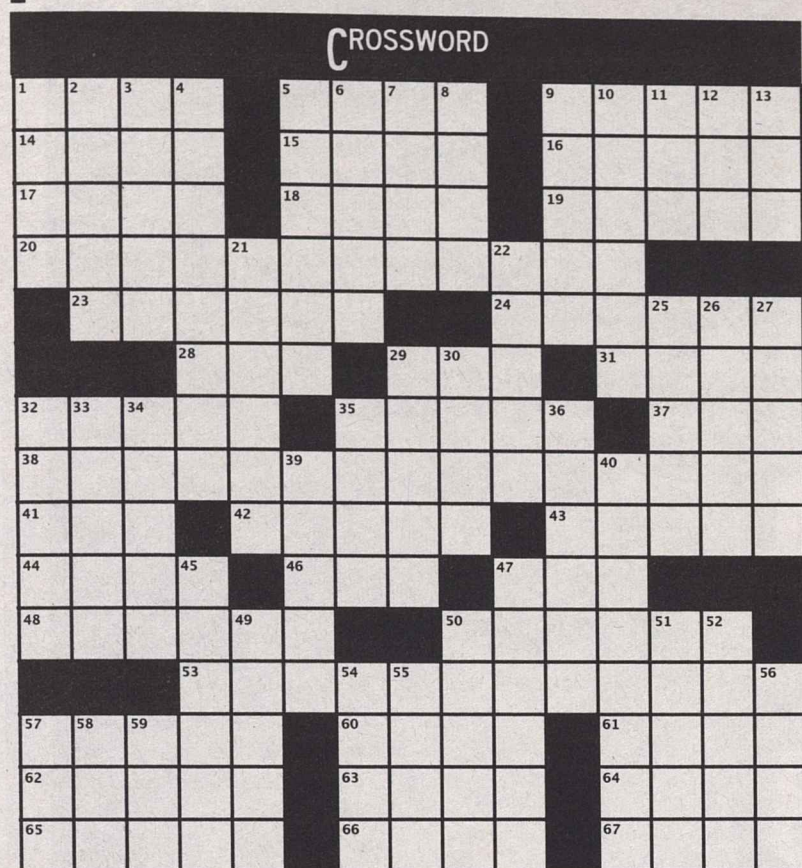
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Details: This event is free and open to the public. The lecture will be followed by a brief question and answer period.

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PASATIEMPOS



ACROSS

1. Bathtub toy, often
5. Do some last-minute learning
9. Barker's pitch
14. Bear in a constellation
15. Space beginner?
16. Bisect
17. Diplomatic trait
18. Bartlett or bosc
19. Key Biscayne, e.g.
20. Lazy play from Chicago's gridders?
23. Animals with brown summer fur
24. Kind of gown
28. A load off one's mine?
29. _____ carte
31. Bull, cob or tom, e.g.
32. Indulgence at the mall
35. Pizza serving
37. Org. based in Langley, Va.
38. Allures of actor Peter and family?
41. Lay down rhymes

DOWN

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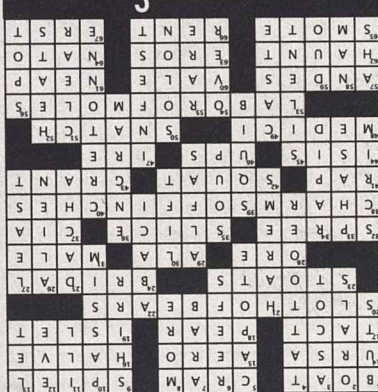
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30. Hitchhiker's desire
32. Theatrical backdrop
33. New moon or full moon, e.g.
34. Quick
35. Item du jour, often
36. Persistence of memory effect
39. Small firecracker
40. Drapery fabric
45. Like some alarms
47. Overrun, as with locusts
49. Class of society
50. Lawgiver of old Athens
51. Free partner
52. Track events
54. Transmission closer
55. Steakhouse order
56. Common dog name
57. "I get it" responses
58. '60s conflict site, for short
59. Husband-and-wife team, e.g.

EL QUIZ

- Which animal has the largest brain?
- What are the two top coffee producing countries in South America?
- Who was the only U.S. president to also serve as Supreme Court Justice?
- What was the first organism to be genetically engineered?
- How many of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World are still standing today?

SOLUTIONS



5. one, the Great Pyramid of Giza
4. tobacco plant
3. Howard Taft
2. Brazil and Columbia
1. sperm whale

HOROSCOPES

Aries

March 21 – April 20



The months ahead are to be filled with much pain and disappointment, bitterness and ice-cold rage. Or, as most refer to it, Clemson baseball season.

Taurus

April 21 – May 20



Your failure to adhere to last week's water boil advisory will be obvious to all when antennae begin sprouting from your stomach.

Gemini

May 21 – June 21



When you had braces back in middle school, the embarrassment almost killed you. Prepare yourself for another near-death experience, as you will soon be faced with the necessity of braces once again. This time, in college!

Cancer

June 22 – July 22



That apartment lease you signed for next year was actually an agreement to be Test Subject B in a scientific experiment involving needles, hot sauce and Miley Cyrus. Learn to read the fine print.

Leo

July 23 – Aug. 23



Everyone knows what's going on between you and you-know-who. Do yourself a favor and make it Facebook official already.

Virgo

Aug. 24 – Sept. 22



Though the current Winter Olympics may be inspiring, your attempt to slalom around a couple CAT buses will end in disaster.

Libra

Sept. 23 – Oct. 23



A reach back to your Native American roots may be a profitable endeavor this weekend as you attempt to conjure up a Snow Dance to bring the white stuff back to Clemson.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 – Nov. 21



Painting yourself blue and speaking gibberish does not make you as cool as those Na'vi people from "Avatar."

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21



Be a man. Or a woman. Or whatever you feel like. This is America, after all.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19



Despite the example from Justin Timberlake's newest song, comparing your significant other's body to fast food carryout will not go over well for you.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 – Feb. 19



Stop freaking out. Seriously. That black liquid you think is spilling out of your fingertips like poisoned blood is really just soy sauce.

Pisces

Feb. 20 – March 20



Your plans to stick it to the man this week will be astonishingly successful once you figure out what "it" is.

WORD O' THE WEEK

baseball | bās, bōl
noun

Popular American sport in which the lack of excitement is only rivaled by that of an 8 a.m. Western Civilization lecture and is only bearable through the consumption of adult beverages and a penchant for self-inflicted pain.

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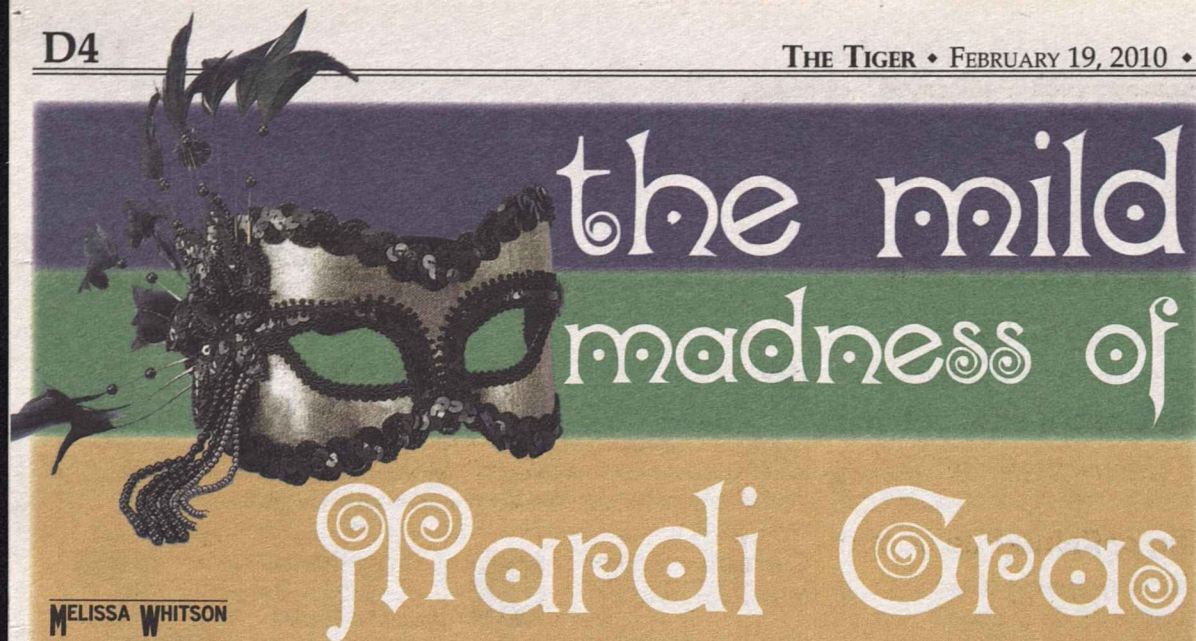
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MELISSA WHITSON

Last weekend, Clemson was cold.

Cold, snowy and rainy: a regular trifecta of winter weather gloom. And even though the white stuff provided a dose of childlike excitement, the impending week of midterms had many grimacing as they sloshed through the slush to the library.

In New Orleans, however, it was a slightly different story.

Sure, it was cold. And snowy. Maybe a little rainy, too. But the thought of midterms, libraries and college in general had been replaced by the electric excitement of that infamous holiday of debauchery: Mardi Gras.

Needless to say, it didn't take much persuading for me to join three friends on an adventure down to the Bayou State for a weekend that, for many reasons, felt especially far from the sleepy town of Clemson.

But first, a little history.

According to the all-knowing Internet, Fat Tuesday's American birthday is sometime in 1699, the year when French settlers arrived in Louisiana with all their scandalous

culture. Traditionally, the Mardi Gras celebration has existed as a last big hurrah before the pious season of Lent required people to revert back to their virtuous lives for at least 40 days.

For those non-native New Orleans-ers interested in having their own Mardi Gras adventure one day, it might be useful to know that making the drive on Fat Tuesday alone isn't completely necessary. In fact, Mardi Gras Day is preceded by Mardi Gras season, which technically begins the day after Epiphany, an event in the Christian calendar that is celebrated every year on Jan. 6. (Apparently, the French take their partying quite seriously — something us test-laden college students can appreciate.)

Perhaps this is why it may come as equally shocking, especially to those who have fashioned their image of Mardi Gras from the ever-[in]correct media's portrayal, that the raucousness of the celebrating is largely on par with that of the Olympic biathlon. Exciting and fun, yet surprisingly tame.

Despite attending four different parades and acquiring hundreds of beads, including most from the behemoth Endymion procession on Saturday night, nothing we saw was

outrageous enough to make even the staunchest conservative blush. Perhaps it was the frigid temperatures that convinced everyone shirts were better left on, but the only body part to which we were exposed happened to be crafted out of plastic and attached to a flashy strand of beads.

It's easy to see how warmer weather, a little alcohol and the lightheadedness that accompanies the pounds of shiny beads hanging from your neck can quickly transform your grandmother's Mardi Gras into your free-spirited, slightly insane next door neighbor's Mardi Gras. But as any New Orleans-er would agree, this is why the French Quarter was built — to serve as the city's 78-square-block Fat Tuesday after-party where clothes are mostly optional.

Though there will always be parts of the celebration that should be for adults' eyes only, Mardi Gras is, on the whole, notorious for all the wrong reasons. Even with its drive-thru daiquiri bars and crazy costumed float riders, the sinful reputation Mardi Gras has garnered over the years is unwarranted. Unwarranted as, say, spending a Clemson snow day studying in the library.

TOP FIVE

Snowy Day Activities

BEKAH WILSON

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Sled down the Dike. Once this steep slope is covered in snow, head over to the Dike and enjoy some fast-paced fun. Walking to the top is a fun challenge itself, but sliding down is even better. The best ride is a saucer or actual sled; however, an inner tube or lunch tray works as excellent substitutes. Kayaks serve as bobsleds for group fun, and if snowboarding is your specialty, just strip your skateboard of its wheels. There are natural ramps built into the hill, so if you are feeling brave enough, catch some air for an especially exhilarating experience.

4

Make a Snowman. Sculpting the soft snow is always a fun way to release your creativity in the chilly air. A snowman can be tall, small, skinny, fat or whatever else you decide. Using sticks and other various scraps of nature adds flair to your white-powdered figure. If a snowman is too typical, try to make a snow sculpture of an animal or a snow castle. You can even color the snow with food coloring. Be sure to wear gloves to keep your hands warm!

3

Snowball Fight. When it snows, who doesn't have the urge to pick it up and chuck it at someone? Find a large area of snow and have a snow war. Try forming teams or make it every man for himself. Parking lots are also the ideal area if you prefer, since the vehicles double as protection and ammunition. Hiding behind them keeps your body safe from being pelted, and the cars usually have a layer on top to provide for your snowball supply.

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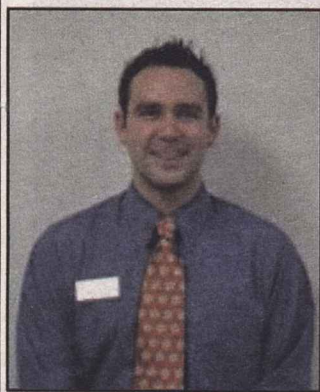
Take a Walk. The soft white snow covers the ground and frosts the trees making the outdoors look like a winter wonderland. It is beautiful to walk as the snow falls and see how things look when dusted with white. Stroll around campus or frudge through a nature trail in the Botanical Gardens. Snow is a great source for play as well as observation. If photography is a hobby, snow makes for a good photo subject. Put on your snowshoes and explore.

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Rest and Relaxation. After enjoying the cold climate, return indoors and enjoy your day off. Thanks to the weather conditions, classes are cancelled and now you have a day for movie watching and napping. Make some hot chocolate and watch the snow fall while reading a book or bake a warm batch of brownies or cookies. However you like to spend a day off, be sure to seize the snow day and embrace the opportunity for rest and relaxation.

Fruits & Veggies Pack a Punch

By Jon Unsworth, Dietary Specialist for Clemson Dining Services



How many weeks until Spring Break? If you can answer that question, you also might be thinking about how you are going to look in a swim suit! Since there's not much time to lose more than 5 pounds in a healthy way, there are some healthy adjustments that you can make to help you speed up the trim down process before you put your Spring Break face on!

Let's start by trying to include more fruits and vegetables into your diet! I know what you're thinking — let's not. When you skip out on fruits and veggies though, your skipping out on all the health benefits that come along with these types of foods, but most of all, it's the nutrient density you will be skipping out on. When you include fruits and veggies in your diet, you have the opportunity to replace energy dense foods, those foods with higher calories, fat, sodium and cholesterol, with foods that are packed full of nutrients, which help to keep your heart, eyes, digestive tract and hormone levels running smoothly and in check!

Where can we incorporate more fruits and vegetables? Take a look at your lunch — does it lack color and variety? If so, including an entrée salad as your lunch may be a great start. Let's check out what the salad bars on campus can do to make your lunch go from "Lack Luster" to a "Power Lunch"!



- **Start with your lettuce.** Choose the dark, colorful greens and spinach, and skip the iceberg! The more colorful greens will get you more Vitamins A, K, C, fiber and Potassium, while the iceberg will provide about 10 times less Vitamins A & C (ounce for ounce), some fiber, and water. Remember, 2 cups of raw leafy greens only gets you the equivalent of one cup of veggies — so load up!
- **Next, comes the colorful veggies and the idea here is to aim for about 1 cup.** Pick the carrots, green and red peppers, broccoli, and cherry tomatoes. These vegetables are chock-full of B-vitamins, vitamins A and C, minerals and antioxidants, making them very **nutrient** dense foods!
- **To make this an entrée salad, pick the black or kidney beans and chickpeas for your lean protein option, about ½ cup.** The chickpeas or beans provide a great source of non-fat protein (6-7g) and are good sources of magnesium, heart healthy fiber, and folate. You can also add up to a ½ cup of cottage cheese as it's a good source of protein, calcium, magnesium **and** is low in calories.

- **Skip the creamy dressings!** They're tasty, but can be loaded with saturated fat, cholesterol, and calories. Go with the reduced fat options, like the low fat Italian, the low fat Ranch (yes it's low fat!) and the fat free Balsamic Vinaigrette, as they will spare you plenty of calories and none of the flavor.
- **Add 4 slices of orange and 1/2 cup of a whole grain salad.** A whole grain salad bar, with grains like Quinoa and Barley, is found at Schilleter dining hall.

So even with all of this food (including the low fat Ranch and cottage cheese) you'll have approximately 450 calories and be getting about 2 cups of vegetables and 1 cup of fruit, about half of the daily recommendation for most people!

For the full nutrient analysis of this salad and for plenty of reliable nutrition information, visit www.clemson.edu/dining and click on the "Fresh and Healthy" tab. If you need help with developing an eating plan rich with fruits, vegetables and whole-grains your Dietary Specialist, Jon Unsworth, with Clemson Dining Services can help you to do this! So make an appointment with me to help get you where you need to be — nutrition@clemson.edu.

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That was a Haiku

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So long to Facebook.

Playin' It Up

Rent is hitting Brooks
Vagina Monologues too
Get some culture, kids.

Banish e-Portfolio

Candy and goodies
Clearly secures your one vote
Happy bridge crossing.

RENT

*"525,600 minutes, how do you measure,
measure a year?"*

MOLLY CARPENTER

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Many of us are familiar with these famous lyrics from the song "Seasons of Love," featured in the Broadway musical and equally well-known movie "Rent." After all, "Rent" is a multiple award-winning musical, taking home the prestigious Tony for Best Musical in 1996. It was transformed into a film in 2005, featuring many of the original performers. And now, in 2010, "Rent" is coming to Clemson University's Brooks Center.

Presented by the Clemson Players and the Department of Performing Arts, this stage production is run by students from the ground up — audio technicians, actors and musicians will all be collaborating to make this story come to life.

Uniquely, Clemson is one of the first universities granted

permission to perform the entire musical. One of the stars of the show, Bradley Zellars, has been apart of more than 10 Clemson productions.

"Rent" is by far the most elaborate show I've been a part of," Zellars said. "The set for the show is stunning. It feels as if a section of New York City was flown down to Clemson and placed directly in the Brooks Theater. The cast is full of the most talented singers, actors and dancers I have ever worked with."

"Rent" tells the story of eight intertwined lives in New York's impoverished lower east side. Among them, is an HIV positive musician named Roger (played by Ryan McCrary); a struggling documentary filmmaker named Mark (Tyler Lindley); a heroin-addicted, exotic dancer named Mimi (Kate Lala) and a once poor, now rich landlord named Benny (Darius Jones).

"The characters of 'Rent' are controversial, but the messages and themes of 'Rent' are universal," said Zellars. "We have all fallen in love, we have all had our hearts broken and we have all made mistakes, just like the characters in the show. But watching these particular characters discover what gives each of their lives quality and meaning is why it is important to see this show."

"Rent," a rock opera, features phenomenal music from composer Jonathan Larson. Show-stoppers include "La Vie Bohème," "Another Day" and "Seasons of Love." The atypical love song

"I'll Cover You" is performed by HIV positive college professor Collins (Turner Vaughn) and Angel (Zellars), an HIV positive street percussionist/drag queen. Audiences should also be on the lookout for "Take Me or Leave Me," performed by the lesbian ivy-league lawyer Joanne (senior Meredith Myers) and the eccentric, bisexual performance artist Maureen (Erin Lovelace).

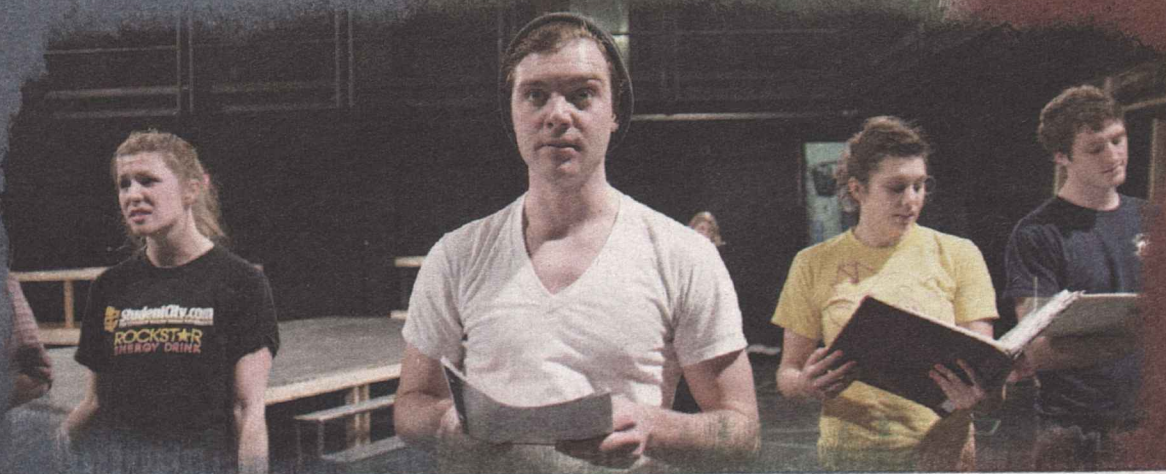
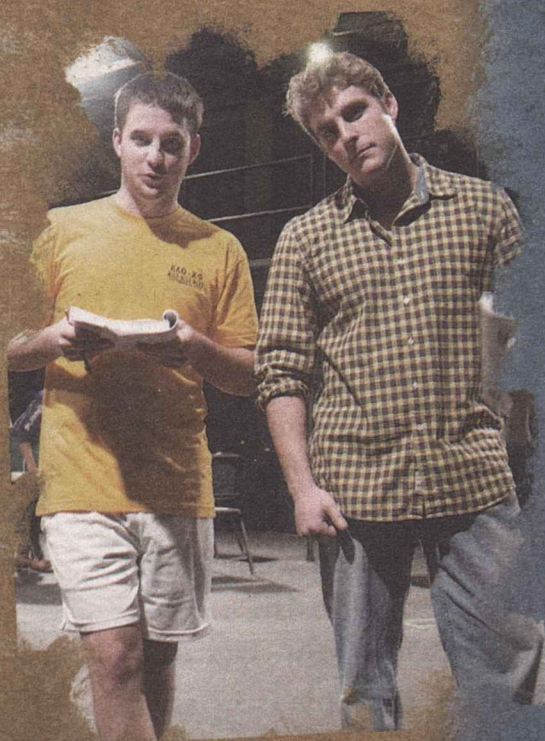
"Our director, Mark Charney, really challenged us to breathe new life into the show," Zellars said of his cast mates. "His vision for 'Rent' has transformed the show from a mere production to an actual experience for the audience."

"Rent" will be running from Thursday to Saturday, Feb. 25-27, with shows at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults,

and \$5 for students and can be purchased at the Brooks Center Box Office, Monday to Friday, from 1 to 5 p.m. Due to its controversial message, "Rent" is best left to mature audiences. But don't let that steer you away, because according to Zellars, "Rent" will be nothing short of spectacular."

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the merger of Live Nation and Ticketmaster was approved. These two power-house companies are going by the name Live Nation Entertainment and are traded on the NYSE under LYV. Live Nation is the world's largest promoter of live artist performances, producing more than 22,000 shows on behalf of 1,500 artists in 57 countries last year. Live Nation owns over 117 venues and brought in over 50 million fans to their concerts in 2008. Ticketmaster is the world's largest retailer of concert tickets operating with over 7,100 retail centers and selling over 141 million tickets at \$8.9 billion in revenue. Ticketmaster as the largest ticket provider holds 70% of the market share and provides ticketing services for arenas, stadiums, sporting teams, performing arts, museums, and theaters.

Through the merger, Live Nation Entertainment seeks to help fix the broken industry model by eliminating the middle man between the artist, promoter and fans. They want to assist in revitalizing the venue industry by reducing ticketing costs caused by today's inefficiencies, give artist and fans new options and services, spur innovations, and help increase concert attendance.

However, many people are skeptical about the merger because they believe it creates a monopolistic company that will have control over routing, deal structures and information. Only time will tell if the industry will benefit or suffer from the two companies merging. What we can be sure of is that this will change the industry.

Clemson University is a Ticketmaster client; we utilize their services to assist in ticket selling for shows at Littlejohn Coliseum and occasionally at Tillman Auditorium. We are not a Live Nation venue. Therefore our concern is that this will make it even more difficult for independent venues to get tours. We will continue to do all we can to keep Clemson on the radar of artists, agents and promoters.

To learn more about how you can get involved in bringing shows to Clemson you may join our Fanatics club, meeting every Wednesday at 8:00pm or stop by the HUB on the 2nd floor of Hendrix to fill out an application to work events and concerts Littlejohn. For more information please visit www.clemsonmajorevents.com

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